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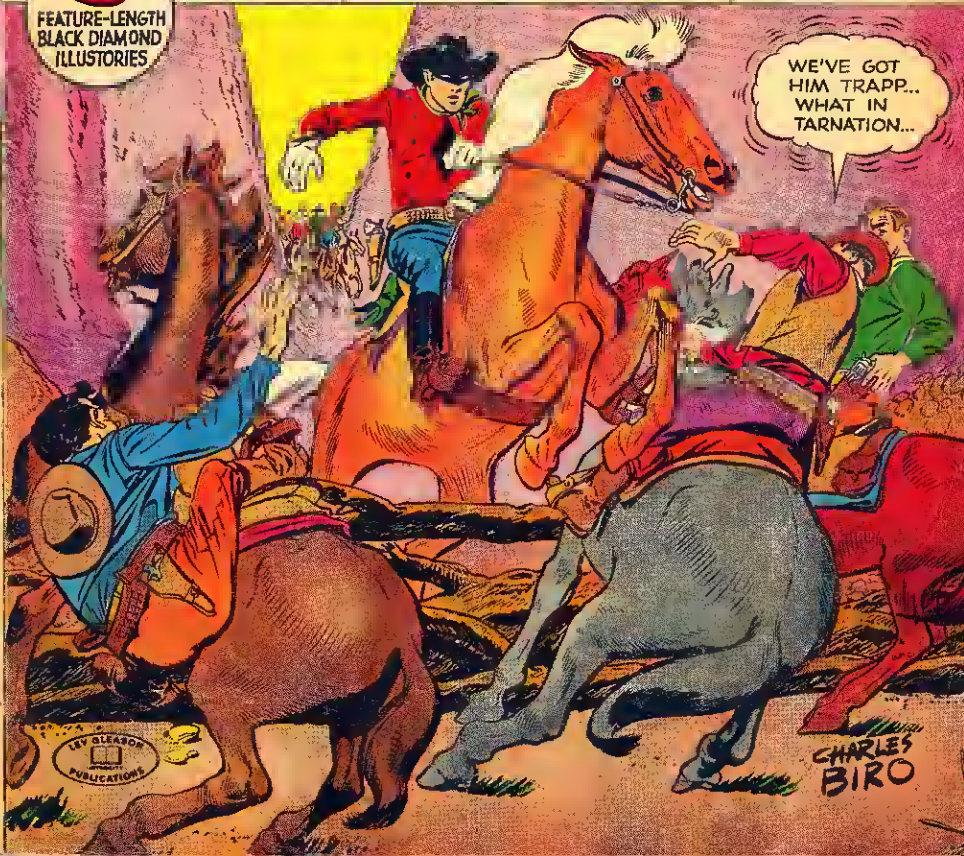
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DOES a bulging "bay window" make you look and feel years older than you really are? Then here, at last, is the answer to your problem! "Chevalier", the wonderful new adjustable health supporter belt is scientifically constructed to help you look and feel years younger!

The CHEVALIER

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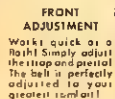
POSTURE BAD?
Got a 'Bay Window'?



DO YOU ENVY MEN
who can
'KEEP ON THEIR FEET'?



and then he got a
"CHEVALIER"!



FRONT ADJUSTMENT

Works quick as a flash! Simply adjust the strap and presto! The belt is perfectly adjusted to your greatest comfort!

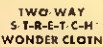


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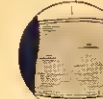
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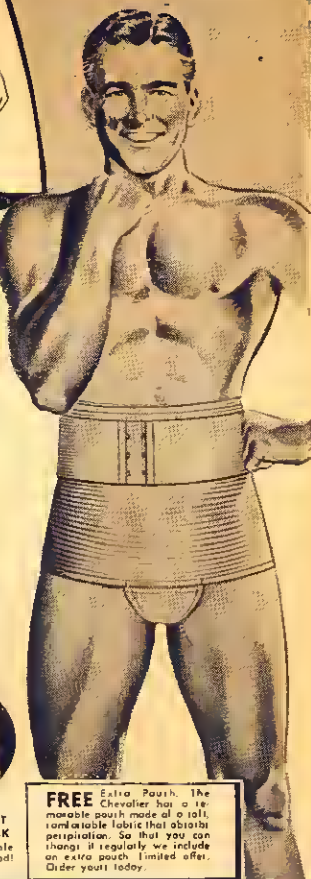
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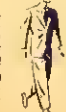
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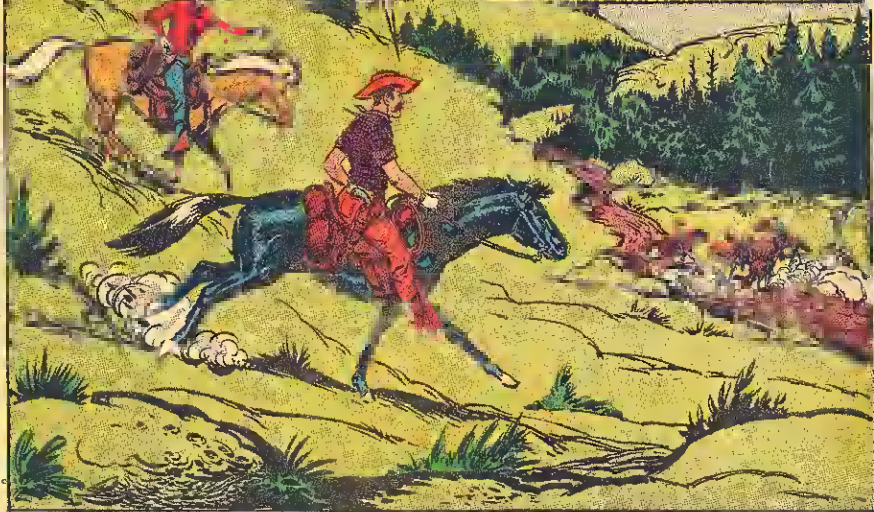
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in "The Strange Saga of the Missing Express Riders"

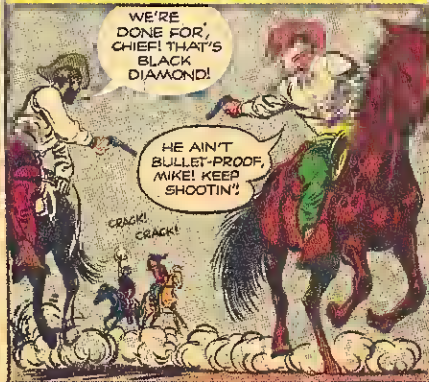
C'MON, BUMPER—THEY'RE HOLDING UP THAT PONY EXPRESS RIDER!

THE DIRTY SNAKES JUST SHOT THE POOR FELLER!

AS U.S. MARSHAL, BLACK DIAMOND WAS MAKING A ROUTINE CHECK OF HIS DISTRICT WHICH INCLUDED WYOMING, HE AND HIS SIDEKICK, BUMPER, WERE LESS THAN TEN MILES FROM THE BIG WESTERN TOWN WHEN THEY CAME UPON A SIGHT THAT STARTED THEM ON THE TRAIL OF THE MURDEROUS RAIDERS OF THE EXPRESS!



BEFORE BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER CAN REACH THE SCENE, THE THREE ROBBERS TAKE OFF...

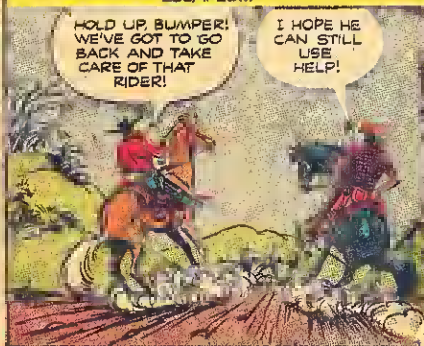


WE'RE DONE FOR, CHIEF! THAT'S BLACK DIAMOND!

HE AIN'T BULLET-PROOF, MIKE! KEEP SHOOTIN'!

CRACK!
CRACK!

BLACK DIAMOND MIGHT HAVE CAUGHT THEM IN TIME, BUT HE HAD TO MAKE A MERCIFUL CHOICE—SO THE DESPERATE OUTLAW GANG, LOU HOLLIS, NICK WILEY AND THEIR LEADER, ROCKY WEBB, ESCAPED...



HOLD UP BUMPER! WE'VE GOT TO GO BACK AND TAKE CARE OF THAT RIDER!

I HOPE HE CAN STILL USE HELP!

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TELL
CHUCK
BURTON
THEY GOT
... UGH...

HE'S
DEAD-
BUMPER!

HE MENTIONED CHUCK
BURTON - HE'S MAN-
AGER OF THE CODY
EXPRESS OFFICE
IN ELMSVILLE!

AFTER BURYING THE OUTLAWS' VICTIM, DIAMOND AND BUMPER
RIDE IN TO ELMSVILLE...

YES I'M CHUCK BURTON! I
MANAGE THIS OFFICE - BUT I
DON'T HAVE TO ASK WHO
YOU ARE, MARSHAL... THE
BLACK DIAMOND! GLAD
TO MEET YOU!

THANKS, BURTON! BUT
I'M AFRAID I HAVE BAD
NEWS FOR YOU! YOUR
RIDER WAS JUST HELD
UP AND SHOT! HE'S
DEAD!



WHAT? THEY GOT CHARLIE
EVENS TOO? THAT'S THE
THIRD MAN I'VE LOST IN A
MONTH! AND EACH TIME
WITH A \$12,000 PAYROLL
FOR THE RAILROAD
THEY'RE BUILDING
FROM THE EAST!

THAT'S
A LOT OF
MONEY!

I SHOULD HAVE
BEEN CALLED BEFORE
THOSE POUCHES CON-
TAINED UNITED STATES
MAIL! WHAT ABOUT THE
LOCAL LAW, BURTON?



THEY CAN'T SEEM TO LAY THEIR HANDS ON
THAT GANG, DIAMOND! SOMEHOW THE OUT-
LAWS FIND OUT WHEN A PCSSE IS ON THE
LOOKOUT FOR THEM! WE SURE COULD
USE YOUR HELP!



YOU'LL GET IT,
BURTON! THAT'S
WHAT I'M
HERE FOR!

ME
TOO!

WELL I'VE GOT
TO HIRE A NEW
RIDER! IF YOU'LL
COME BACK
LATER, MAYBE
YOU'LL RIDE
ALONG WITH THE
MAN I PICK!



CHUCK BURTON CONTACTED THE APPLICANTS FOR THE EXPRESS RIDER'S
JOB AND THREE TURNED UP EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON...

PLEASE, MR. BURTON,
I NEED THE JOB! I HAVE
A WIFE TO SUPPORT! I
HAVEN'T WORKED FOR
ALMOST A MONTH!

A MONTH! I HAVEN'T
HAD A SQUARE MEAL
SINCE LAST MAY!

I GOT HERE FIRST!
I GOT THE JOB
COMIN' TO ME!



WELL, NOW,
THIS CALLS
FOR THOUGHT.

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THREE MEN, EACH AFTER THE ONE JOB-EACH WANTING IT DESPERATELY AND EACH FOR A DIFFERENT REASON

...HOWARD WORLEY HAD JUST BEEN MARRIED AND NEEDED A STEADY JOB...



JOE LANTON NEEDED THAT JOB AS BADLY AS ANYONE... TROUBLE WAS JOE JUST COULDN'T STICK TO ANY JOB TOO LONG...

...AND ROCKY WEBB, A MAN SUSPECTED OF ROBBERY, ALTHOUGH NOTHING HAD EVER BEEN PROVEN AGAINST HIM, ALWAYS SEEMED WELL OFF FINANCIALLY: WHY WOULD HE WANT THIS POOR PAYING JOB?



NOW LOOK, I CAN'T USE ALL THREE OF YOU, SO...CH, BLACK DIAMOND! MAYBE YOU CAN HELP ME! I'M TRYING TO DECIDE WHICH ONE OF THESE MEN TO HIRE!

THAT SHOULDN'T BE TOO HARD, BURTON! LET THEM FIGHT IT OUT IN A CONTEST!



CONTEST? WHAT KIND OF CONTEST?

WELL, WHY NOT A RACE? GIVE EACH ONE A PACKAGE TO DELIVER... AND THE ONE THAT WINS GETS THE JOB!



THAT'S A GOOD IDEA! I'LL MAKE UP THREE PACKAGES TO BE DELIVERED TO THE RAILROAD COMPANY: ONE OF 'EM WILL CONTAIN THE \$12000 PAYROLL AND EVEN I WON'T KNOW WHICH PACK THE MONEY'LL BE IN!

MAYBE YOU'D BETTER MAKE UP FOUR PACKS, BURTON: MY FRIEND BUMPER WOULD LIKE TO TRY FOR THAT JOB, TOO!



WE MIGHT AS WELL START THE RACE RIGHT NOW...I'LL HAVE SOME HORSES SADDLED!

AH, DIAMOND I DON'T WANT TO GET TIED DOWN TO A JOB!

DON'T WORRY BUMPER, I HAVE REASONS FOR THIS!



BLACK DIAMOND FOUND A FEW MOMENTS TO SWITCH THE CONTESTANTS PARCELS AROUND WHILE CHUCK BURTON WAS GIVING THE FOUR MEN FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

NOW I'LL BE SURE KNOWS WHO HAS THE PACKAGE WITH THE MONEY IN IT!

RIDE 50 MILES EAST TILL YOU GET TO THE RAILROAD OFFICE, GET A RECEIPT FOR YOUR PACKAGE FROM MR. SIMPSON... FIRST ONE BACK GETS THE JOB!



ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET...GO!

BUT...DIAMOND! I DON'T WANT THE JOB!

GO ON AND WIN THAT RACE! GOOD LUCK BUMPER!



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ROCKY WEBBS HAD ARRANGED TO MEET HIS GANG A SHORT DISTANCE FROM TOWN...



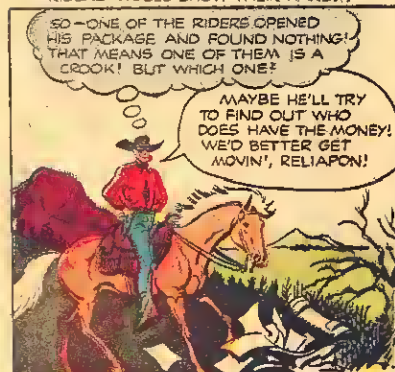
I DIDN'T GET THE JOB—I'M SUPPOSED TO BE RACIN' FOR IT! THIS IS WHAT I WANT—TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLARS! HEY, WHAT TH...

JUST BLANK PAPER!

C'MON! ONE OF THOSE OTHER THREE MUST HAVE THE MONEY!



MEANWHILE, BLACK DIAMOND TRAILED SOME RIDERS BEHIND, HOPING THE PONY EXPRESS RIDERS WOULD SHOW THEIR HAND...



IT TOOK THE OUTLAWS HALF AN HOUR TO CATCH UP WITH THE FIRST OF THE RIDERS—JOE LANTON...



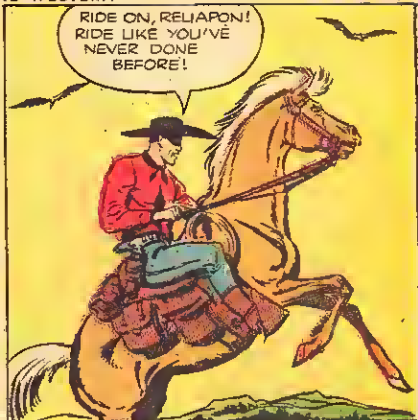
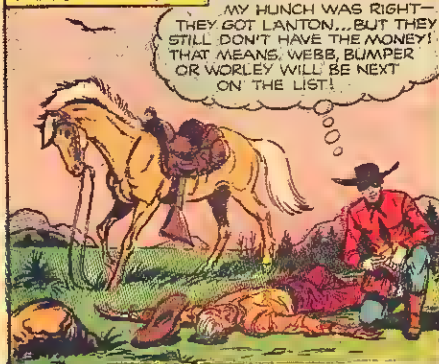
ANOTHER DUD! IS THIS SOME KIND OF RAW DEAL, ROCKY?

I DON'T LIKE IT, ANY MORE THAN YOU, LOU! BUT OUR JOB'S EASIER NOW! THERE'S ONLY TWO OF 'EM LEFT! ONE OF 'EM HAS GOT TO BE CARRYIN' THAT MONEY!

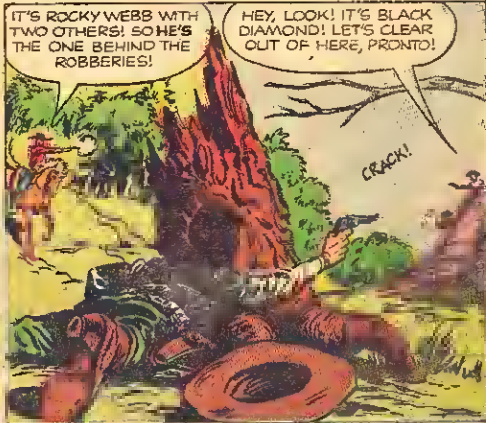
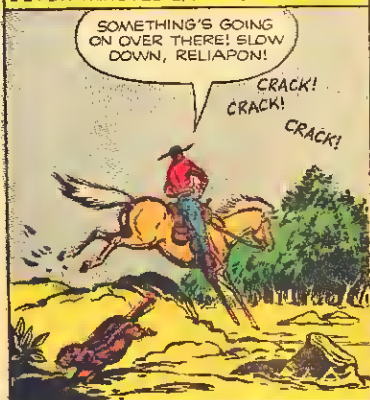
THEN WE'RE WASTIN' TIME HERE!

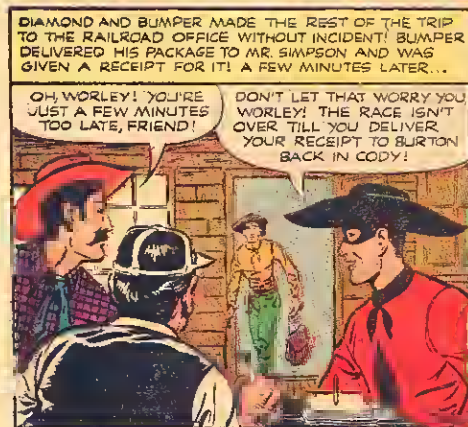
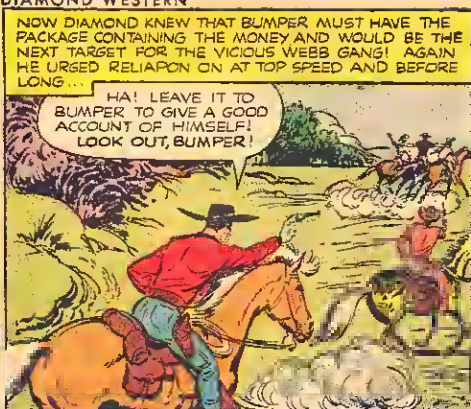
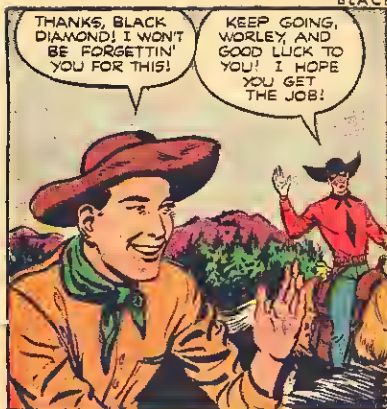


RIDING LIKE THE WIND—BLACK DIAMOND FOUND JOE LANTON'S BODY JUST FIVE MINUTES AFTER THE OUTLAWS LEFT...



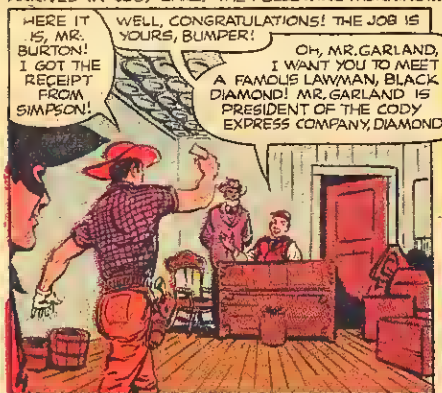
A FEW MINUTES LATER...





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WITH DIAMOND'S PALOWINO LEADING THE WAY, BUMPER ARRIVED IN CODY EARLY THE FOLLOWING MORNING...



HERE IT IS, MR. BURTON! I GOT THE RECEIPT FROM SIMPSON!

WELL, CONGRATULATIONS! THE JOB IS YOURS, BUMPER!

OH, MR. GARLAND, I WANT YOU TO MEET A FAMOUS LAWYMAN, BLACK DIAMOND! MR. GARLAND IS PRESIDENT OF THE CODY EXPRESS COMPANY, DIAMOND!



THIS IS A PLEASURE, SIR! I'VE HEARD A GREAT DEAL ABOUT YOU!

AND I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU, MR. GARLAND! NICE TO MEET YOU! BY THE WAY, BURTON, THE PAYROLL WAS IN THE PACKAGE THAT BUMPER DELIVERED!

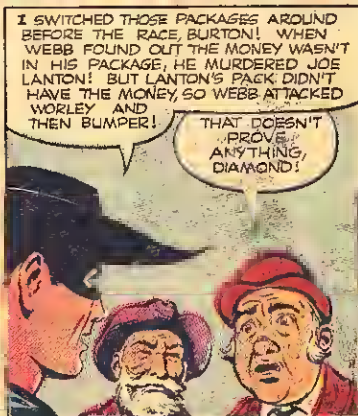
HUH? OH...ER... SPLENDID!



IT CAN'T BE THAT SOMEONE ELSE—SAY, ROCKY WEBB—WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE THAT PACK OF MONEY? IT CAN'T BE THAT YOU, BURTON, HAVE BEEN TIPPING OFF WEBB'S GANG WHEN TO STICK UP YOUR EXPRESS RIDERS?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WHY THIS IS AN OUTRAGE!

BURTON IN CAHOOTS WITH THEM CROOKS? HE HAD ME FOOLED!



I SWITCHED THOSE PACKAGES AROUND BEFORE THE RACE, BURTON! WHEN WEBB FOUND OUT THE MONEY WASN'T IN HIS PACKAGE, HE MURDERED JOE LANTON! BUT LANTON'S PACK DIDN'T HAVE THE MONEY, SO WEBB ATTACKED WORLEY AND THEN BUMPER!

THAT DOESN'T PROVE ANYTHING, DIAMOND!



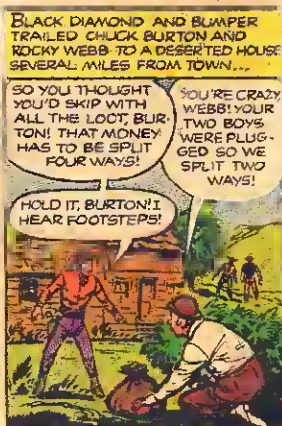
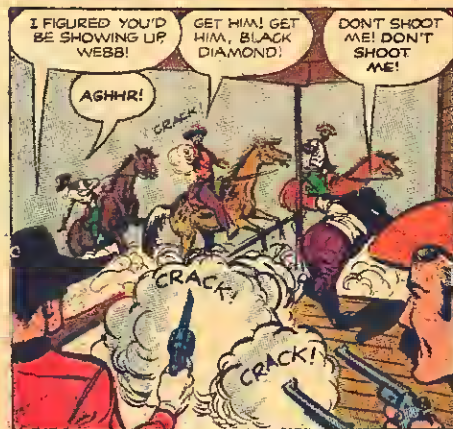
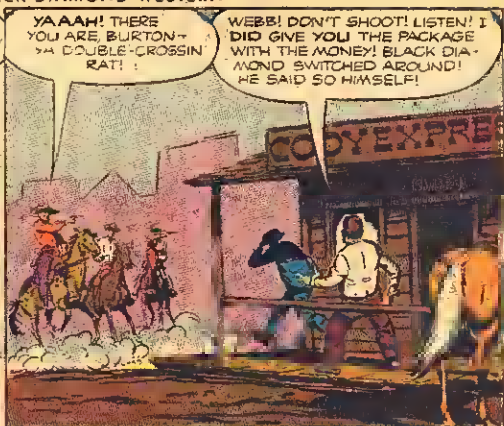
IT'S MIGHTY STRANGE THAT THE OUTLAWS KNEW JUST WHEN TO ATTACK THE EXPRESS RIDERS! I'M ACCUSING YOU, BURTON, OF SPLITTING THE LOOT WITH THEM AND YOU'LL HANG ALONG WITH THOSE MURDERERS!

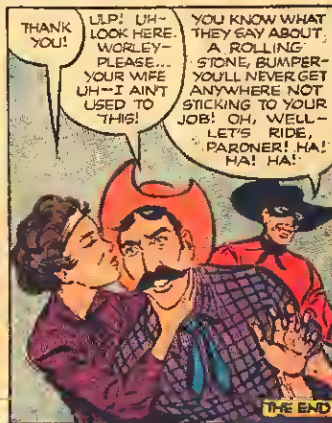
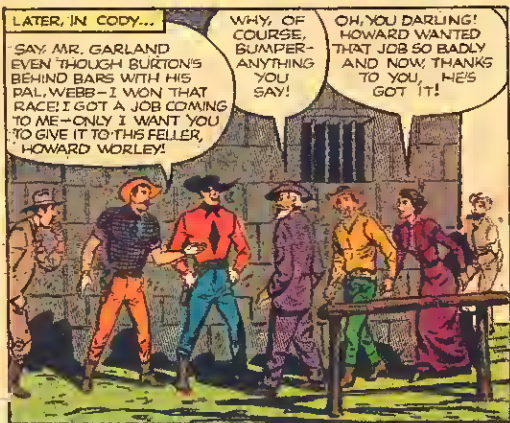
NO, DIAMOND! NOBODY'LL BE STRINGIN' ME UP!



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YOU'RE A TREACHEROUS SKUNK, BURTON!





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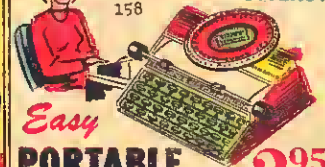
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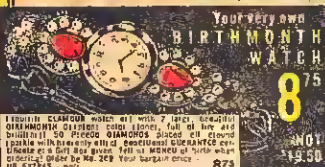
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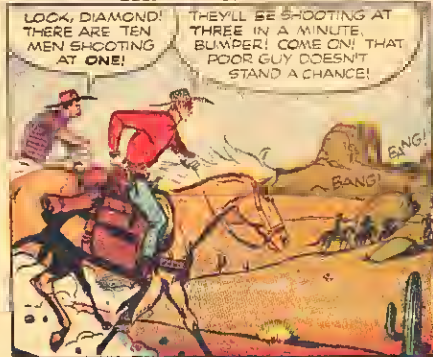
IN BLACK DIAMOND'S TIME, BORDER TROUBLE MEANT DOUBLE TROUBLE...CATTLE RUSTLING, SMUGGLING, MURDER — A COMBINATION DEADLY ENOUGH FOR THE MOST COURAGEOUS TO FACE, BUT ADD TO THAT A CUTTHROAT BAND OF MEN MYSTERIOUSLY INVOLVED WITH GOLD THEFTS AND CATTLE TRAFFIC AND ONLY ONE MAN WHO WAS EQUAL TO THE CHALLENGE — THE FAMED MASKED MARSHAL, BLACK DIAMOND...



WELL, IF IT AIN'T THE BLACK DIAMOND! COME IN! I WOULDN'T ADVISE YUH TO DO ANY SHOOTIN' THOUGH! YOUR PAL, BUMPER MIGHT GET A BULLET THROUGH HIS SKULL!

WE KNEW YUH'D WALK INTO THIS TRAP, PARDNER! THERE'S NO BETTER BAIT THAN GOLD!

ALL IT TAKES TO FIND TROUBLE IS A LITTLE POKING AROUND AND TROUBLE WAS BLACK DIAMOND'S BUSINESS! THERE WAS A LOT OF IT IN 1873 IN THE ARIZONA TERRITORY, WHEN MEN LIVED FOR GOLD AND USED THEIR GUNS TO GET IT...



LOOK, DIAMOND! THERE ARE TEN MEN SHOOTING AT ONE!

THEY'LL BE SHOOTING AT THREE IN A MINUTE, BUMPER! COME ON! THAT POOR GUY DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE!

BANG!

BANG!



HEY LOOK! IT'S THE BLACK DIAMOND!

LET'S VAMOOSE! WE KILLED THAT OLD BLOODHOUND ANYWAY!

BANG!

BANG!

MOMENTS LATER...



THEY'RE ON THE RUN, BLACK DIAMOND!

LET 'EM GO! WE'LL GET 'EM LATER! WE'VE GOT TO ATTEND TO THIS FELLOW FIRST!



WHY HE'S A GOVERNMENT MARSHAL!

WHAT HAPPENED, MARSHAL? WHO WERE THOSE COYOTES?

C-C-COUNTER-FEITERS!...THEY BUSHWACKED ME (GASP)... NEVER G-GAVE ME A CHANCE TO DRAW!



MY DEPUTY... PLANTED HIMSELF IN THE R-RING... (GASP!) HE WAS ON THE TRAIL OF THESE COUNTER-FEITERS. (GASP!) THEY MAKE MEXICAN GOLD COINS HERE IN THE STATES... THEN DELIVER 'EM 'CROSS THE BORDER FOR MEXICAN D-DISTRIBUTION!

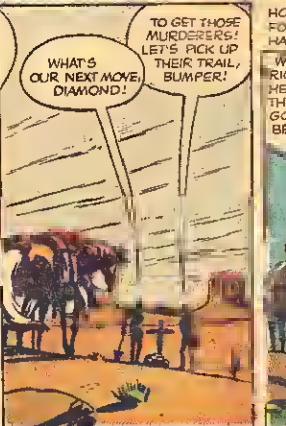
WHERE DO THEY GET THE GOLDS?



M...MY DEPUTY, HE'S A SHORT FELLER...RED HAIR...GASP?...BOW-LEGGED, ANSWERS TO N...NAME OF R...RUSTY...GASP?...FIND HIM...OH-H...

HE'S DEAD, DIA-MOND!

WE'LL TAKE HIS PLACE! WE'LL FIND THE POLECATS HE WAS AFTER! BUT FIRST, WE'LL GIVE HIM A DECENT BURIAL!



WHAT'S OUR NEXT MOVE, DIAMOND?

TO GET THOSE MURDERERS! LET'S PICK UP THEIR TRAIL, BUMPER!

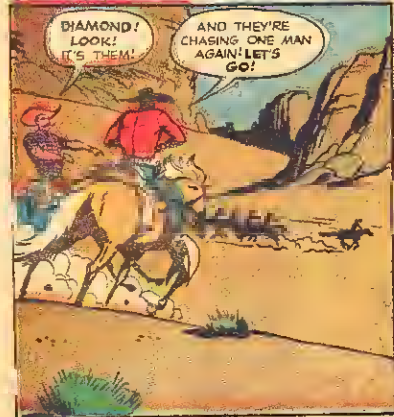
HOURS LATER, AS BLACK DIAMOND'S EYES FOLLOW A TRAIL MOST THACKERS WOULD HAVE LOST LONG AGO...

WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK! THEY'RE HEADING FOR THE HILLS! THAT'S WHERE THE GOLD OUGHT TO BE, IF IT'S ANY PLACE!

WE ALSO OUGHT TO KEEP A SHARP LOOKOUT FOR THAT SHORT RED-HEAD NAMED RUSTY! HE COULD TELL US PLenty!

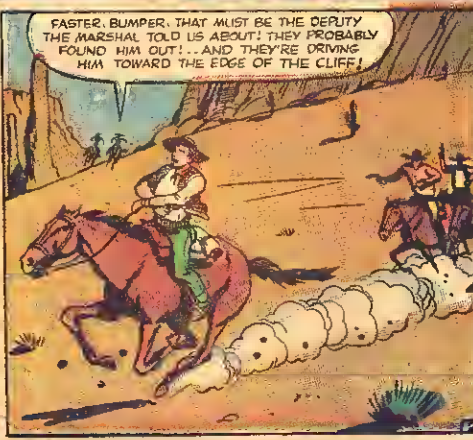


SHORTLY AFTERWARDS AS THEY ENTER A CLEARING...



DIAMOND! LOOK! IT'S THEM!

AND THEY'RE CHASING ONE MAN AGAIN! LET'S GO!



FASTER, BUMPER. THAT MUST BE THE DEPUTY THE MARSHAL TOLD US ABOUT! THEY PROBABLY FOUND HIM OUT!...AND THEY'RE DRIVING HIM TOWARD THE EDGE OF THE CLIFF!



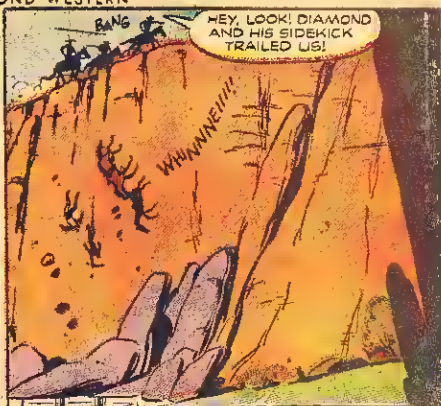
THIS'LL FINISH YOU, YOU MEDDLIN' FOOL!

THEY GOT HIM! HE'S GOING OVER THE CLIFF, DIAMOND!

YIPPIE!

BANG!

BANG!



BANG!

HEY, LOOK! DIAMOND AND HIS SIDEKICK TRAILED US!

WHYNNIE!!!

THE BLACK DIAMOND COULD TRAIL A RIPPLE AFTER IT DISAPPEARED IN A LAKE! BEAT IT BACK TO THE RANCH, QUICK!

WE GOT TWO OF 'EM! DON'T FOLLOW THEM, BUMPER! TRY TO HOLD 'EM! OFF WHILE I GO AFTER THE MAN WHO WENT OVER THE EDGE!

I CAN'T HOLD 'EM OFF, DIAMOND! THEY'RE TAKING IT ON THE LAM!

THEN BRING THE HORSES DOWN TO THE CREEK BANK! I'VE GOT TO RESCUE THE DEPUTY! HE CAN IDENTIFY THE KILLERS...

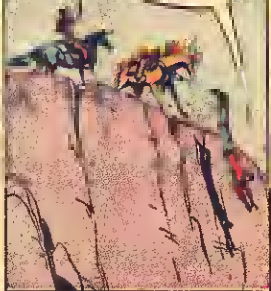
BUMPER! THE HORSE IS DEAD! LANDED ON THE ROCKS! BUT I... I DON'T SEE THE DEPUTY!

HE'S DRIFTING DOWN CREEK! THE CURRENT'S TAKING HIM ALONG! THERE HE IS! HURRY!



BAN!

BANG!



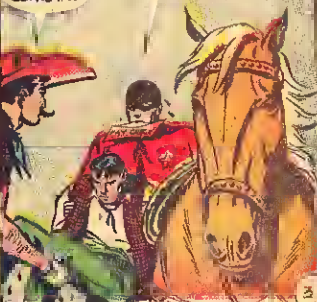
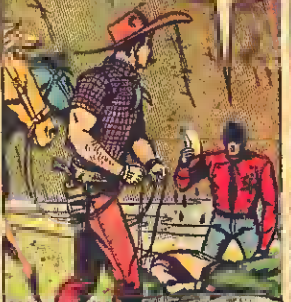
NO, NEED TO HURRY! POOR GUY... HE'S DEAD!

SO WE'RE RIGHT BACK WHERE WE STARTED FROM! A DEAD MAN DOESN'T TALK!

BUT OTHER THINGS SPEAK FOR HIM! THIS PAY ENVELOPE FOR INSTANCE! IT'S THE CIRCLE-T RANCH! HE MUST HAVE WORKED THERE!

CIRCLE-T SOUNDS LIKE A CATTLE RANCH! BUT WHERE DOES THE GOLD COME IN?

WE'LL FIND OUT IN TOWN! I WANT THE SHERIFF TO SEE THIS VICTIM AND THE BODIES OF THE OUTLAWS WE MAILED! HE MIGHT KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT 'EM!



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AS DAWN CAME UP, THEY REACHED THE TOWN OF SANTA RIO...

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THESE TWO, SHERIFF?

I SURE DO! THEY WORKED AT RED MONROE'S CIRCLE-T-RANCH! HOW DID THEY GET KILLED?!

WE'LL COME TO THAT IN A MINUTE! HOW ABOUT THIS MAN?

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

I SEEN HIM TOO... ALSO ON THE CIRCLE T! HOW COME THEY ALL THREE GOT LEAD POISONING?

TELL ME MORE ABOUT THE CIRCLE-T! IS THERE ANY GOLD ON OR NEAR THE PREMISES? A GOLD MINE? OR PLACER GOLD?

A MINE, YES, BUT NOTHIN' TO START A GOLD RUSH! BUT LATELY EVERY SHIPMENT ED MONROE SENDS OUT GETS HIJACKED! THAT'S WHY HE'S ALWAYS LOOKIN' FOR MORE GUN HANDS LIKE THESE FELLERS WERE!

GOT ANY LEADS AS TO WHO THE HIJACKERS ARE?

NO-- THEM CRITTERS WEREN'T EASY TO TALK TO--I'M STILL LOOKIN' FOR A DEPUTY TO TAKE THE PLACE OF THE ONE THEY KILLED LAST MONTH!

THEN THESE BODIES ARE NO NOVELTY, EH? DO US A FAVOR, SHERIFF! BURY 'EM! WE'VE GOT SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO DO BEFORE NOON!

IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE THE HIJACKING MIGHT BE AN INSIDE JOB, DIAMOND, JUDGING BY THE KIND OF MEN WHO RIDE FOR MONROE!

YES! MONROE MIGHT BE STAGING THESE HIJACKINGS HIMSELF, IN ORDER TO MAKE IT LOOK AS IF SOMEBODY ELSE IS STEALING HIS GOLD SUPPLY-FOR COUNTERFEITING PURPOSES, PERHAPS!

ON THE OTHER HAND THE HIJACKERS MIGHT BE PLAYING MONROE FOR A SUCKER, BY PLANTING THEIR MEN ON HIS PAYROLL!

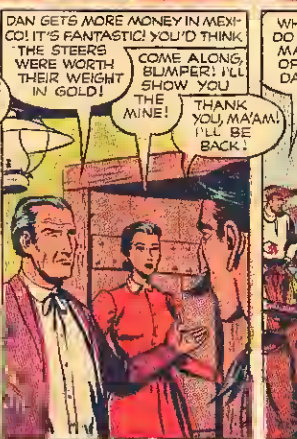
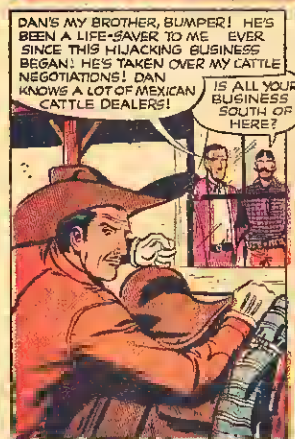
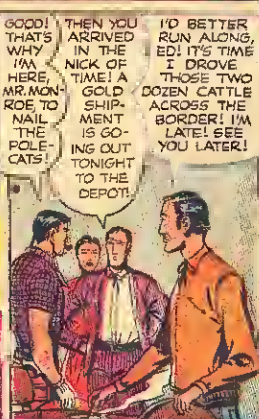
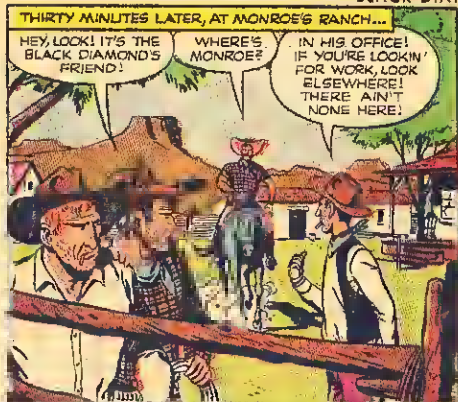
I KNOW ONE WAY TO FIND OUT, DIAMOND! LET ME TAKE A JOB WITH MONROE!

NO DICE, BUMPER! THEY'LL SPOT YOU ON SIGHT!

ALL THE BETTER! THEY'LL HAVE TO GUN ME! THAT'LL FORCE THE RATS INTO THE OPEN!

MEANWHILE, YOU'LL KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS FROM THE OUTSIDE! THAT WAY, WE'LL LEARN THEIR OPERATIONS INSIDE OUT-- THAT'S A JOKE, SON!

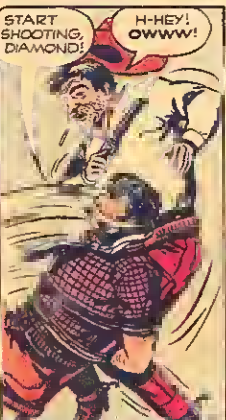
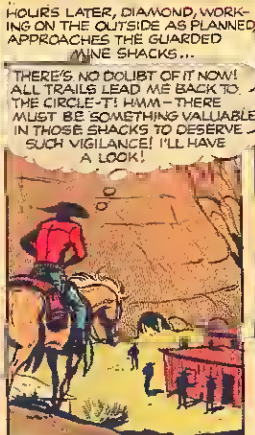
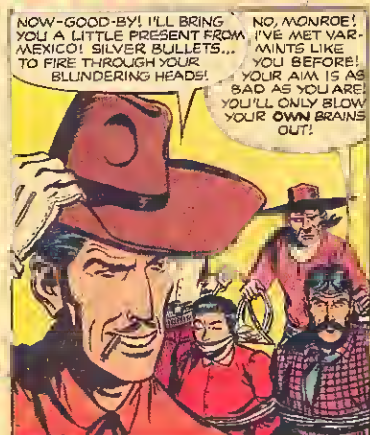
I'LL LAUGH WHEN YOU COME OUT OF YOUR OWN TRAP SMILING! IN ANY CASE, I'LL BE CLOSE BY! TAKE CARE, BUMPER!



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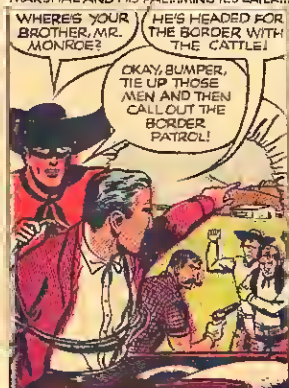


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ONLY THE MASKED MARSHAL COULD TAKE A SPLIT-SECOND ADVANTAGE AND TURN IT INTO A BLAZING, RAPID FIRE VICTORY...



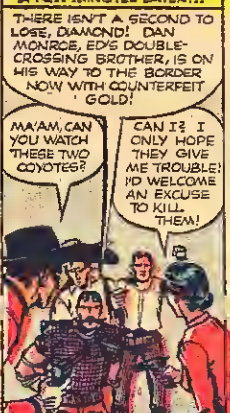
THE SCARED RABBITTS COULDN'T ESCAPE THE DEADLY AIM AND COURAGE OF THE MARSHAL AND HIS PAL... MINUTES LATER...



BUT AS DAN MONROE PRESSED THE TRIGGER, ANOTHER GUN MADE IN MEXICO SPOKE FIRST!



A FEW MINUTES LATER...



IN A FEW HOURS, CLOSE TO THE BORDER, DIAMOND AND BUMPER TAKE THE OUTLAWS BY SURPRISE...



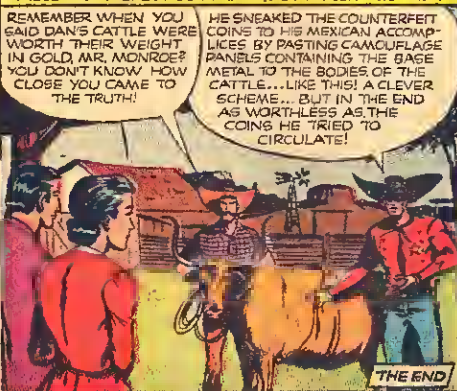
IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG TO CONTACT BORDER PATROL AND THEN...



AND IN THE MIST OF THE LIFE-OR-DEATH BATTLE...



BY TWILIGHT, THE BLACK DIAMOND WAS EXPLAINING THE WHOLE TREACHEROUS SCHEME TO THE INNOCENT VICTIMS...



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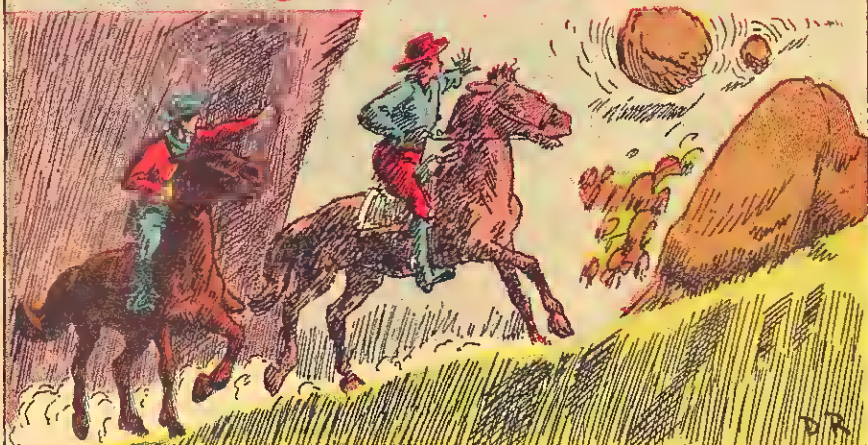
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Treachery At Treasure Gulch



Doug Brenwood and his father arrived in Treasure Gulch after two years of unlucky prospecting. As they sounded out the prospects in the local saloon they learned that there was a reign of terror in Treasure Gulch. This was a sneaking, underhanded thing. The trouble was within the town, but no one knew where to point a finger. It followed a pattern. Big Bill, the bartender, continued with his story while Doug and his father listened attentively.

Treasure Gulch was well named because it had yielded many a treasure in gold, but inhabitants of the town were ready now to name it Forbidden Treasure Gulch. Several fortunate prospectors had hit the gulch and discovered its yield. The word spread and soon the place swarmed with humanity, all with the same disease — gold! But all those original prospectors were now gone. There was a curse on the gold.

Abe Stanton, the first man to file a claim, had been killed in a gun battle in the streets of town one night. No one knew who killed him. His claims were turned over and sold to the highest bidder, a company in the east. The company immediately sent a crew to work the mine and the gold still flowed from it. Later, another mine owner, Chippy Kearns fell down the shaft of his mine, the mine went into the hands of the receivers and again the company bought it out.

Then Bill Morton, who held one of the largest and richest claims in the gulch, was found drowned in the waters of Treasure Creek. People don't drown in creeks often and when this happened, there was some speculation. Again, the company bought the claims and the mine was working on a grandiose scale. Now, even though one was lucky enough to have a claim in Treasure

Gulch, one wondered if it was worth his life.

"And," concluded Big Bill, "I even wonder if it's worth while running a successful saloon. How do I know when I'll get the ax?"

Young Doug was alert and had been in the prospecting game long enough to wonder about several of the angles. "But what about the heirs to these mines?" he queried.

"That's a funny thing," answered Big Bill, "all the relatives of the prospectors who were killed were far away, and more interested in selling out than wandering clear out here to work a mine."

"Hello, Stranger," interrupted a voice which belonged to a grizzled prospector who had just swung through the doors.

"Hello there, Grubby," greeted Big Bill. Then, addressing the newcomers, he said, "Here's a man you might want to talk to. For an interest he'll grub stake you to equipment to work a mine. This is Grubby Scott."

Grubby was the local grub staker. For a certain percent of the yield he would stake prospectors to equipment. In fact, Doug learned, he had staked the three unlucky miners. When they were killed Grubby still had his percent of interest in the mines. Grubby explained that the money the company had offered for his interest was such a nice load of cash that he figured it was better to sell out than shoulder the expense of the mines.

The rumors of terror didn't bother Doug and his father too much. Gold was worth the risk. Years of prospecting had hardened them and off they set to find a claim. It wasn't long before Treasure Gulch lived up to its name. They staked a claim, filed, then went to Grubby for financial aid. Grubby, always willing to help the miners out as long as he got his percentage, figured this arm chair

way of mining was the simplest; do a minimum of work and be assured of a profit.

Doug and his father set to work with vehemence. With Grubby's equipment and hired miners, they sunk a shaft and started working the mine. To their delight and beyond their dreams, on assay the ore proved to be high grade, almost pure gold. Feeling that their fortunes were well established, Doug and his father left the mine early one day and started toward town.

As they followed the narrow trail back to town, suddenly, for no reason, Doug looked up the side of the mountain. He saw a large boulder start slowly rolling down the hill, headed straight for them. With no time for warning, Doug jumped from his horse toward his father, grabbed him around the waist and the two rolled off the side of the trail. At that moment, the boulder crashed down across the trail where they'd been riding a second before. Doug's father's horse was hit and fell over the side of the trail, crushed by the rolling boulder.

The two looked at each other in relief and amazement. Both had the same question in their eyes; was that an accident? Dusting themselves off they plodded on toward town and into the saloon.

Greeted by Big Bill and Grubby, they related their story. Everyone in the saloon gathered round, heads wagged in sympathy, and all agreed that it must have been an attempt at murder.

Doug and his father were not to be scared out of town that easily and continued to work the mine. They kept sharp vigilance all the time and the days that followed were nerve racking. No further attempts were made on Doug's or his father's life for several weeks and the two breathed in relief and hoped they could relax their continuous watch. One evening, the miners having stopped work, Doug was loading up a final bit of ore while he waited for his father to come down to the trail from the mine.

Out of sight of the mine, he suddenly heard a shot. He looked up and on the crest of the hill, too far for recognition, Doug saw a man. Doug drew his gun, fired, heard a scream, then the man turned and ran. Doug raced back to the mine to find his father lying at the entrance to the shaft. A bullet had gone into his shoulder and he had narrowly escaped falling down the shaft. Thankful to find his father alive and not seriously wounded, he carried him down to the wagon on the trail. His father comparatively comfortable, Doug went up to the crest of the hill to see if he could find any trace of the attacker. There wasn't a sign, the man had vanished, though there was a trail of blood leading down the hill. The trail of blood suddenly stopped, but there in the underbrush was a gun. Doug picked it up, examined it, then returned to the wagon.

Doug droye the wagon down the steep trail. As soon as they reached town, Doug had his father's wound examined. A bullet was pulled from his shoulder that, from all evidence, seemed to have been fired from the gun that Doug had found.

That evening, leaving his father well drugged and asleep, Doug went to the saloon. Grubby was there talking to Big Bill. Doug started to relate the tale of the afternoon's shooting when he noticed that Grubby kept his hand in his pocket all the time. This was unusual for Grubby because he usually smoked with one hand and handled his drink with the other. Still watching Grubby, Doug pretended to turn to a prospector and engage him in conversation. Grubby, not realizing that Doug was watching, pulled his hand out of his pocket and started to reach for his drink. Hastily, when he realized what he was doing, he drew it back. But Doug had noticed that his hand was heavily bandaged.

Doug whirled around to face Grubby. "What happened to your hand, Grub?"

"I, er, I was splitting some wood. Yeah, splitting wood today and slipped," chuckled Grubby.

"Didn't know you ever split wood," continued Doug as he swiftly walked toward Grubby, pulling him away from the bar. "And, where's your gun? That holster looks empty to me."

"I don't need a gun around this town," muttered Grubby.

"Maybe you don't need it, but I've never seen you without it," said Doug as he reached in his own holster and pulled out the gun he'd found on the hill. "Maybe this is the gun that belongs in there."

Grubby automatically but clumsily reached for the gun that wasn't there with the hand that wasn't wounded. This gave Doug time to swing and catch Grubby on the chin, knocking him cold as he fell across the bar.

Doug's suspicions were correct. The gun was Grubby's. The bullet had come from the gun. On further investigation, with Grubby safely behind bars, the whole story was revealed. Grubby, for a large percentage from the company was stationed in Treasure Gulch. He quietly disposed of the luck prospectors, 'Innocently' sold out his holdings to the company for a large profit and then started in all over again.

After Grubby had been tried and found guilty of murder, the law successfully tracked down the owners of the company, and the legal wheels were rolling to return the original gold mines to their proper heirs, Doug and his father continued to work their mine. They built up a fortune in gold second to none in Treasure Gulch. Doug was the saviour of the town, the reign of terror was over and Treasure Gulch again lived up to its name.

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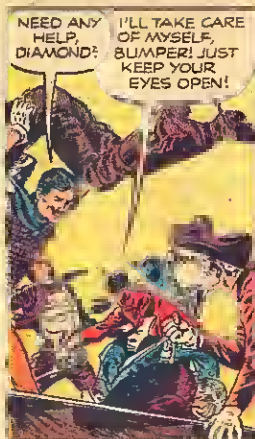
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SUDDENLY A VOLLEY OF SHOTS RING OUT.



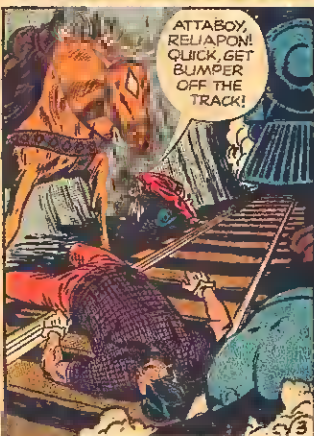
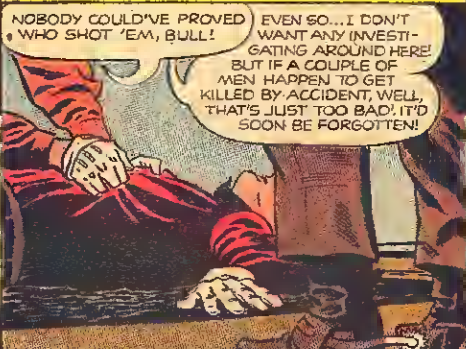
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AS BLACK DIAMOND TURNS TO
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FROM BEHIND...



...AND FALLS, CRASHING TO THE TRACKS...

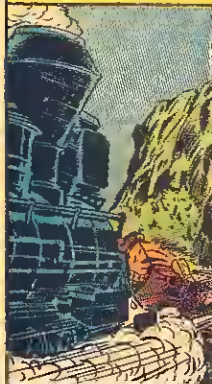


THUS, FOUR MEN, JAKE BYRNES, GUS MAHLER,
PAT RAND... AND THEIR LEADER, BULL TAIT WERE
SOON TO MAKE AN ATTEMPT ON THE LIVES OF
BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER...



BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

RELIAPON REACHES BUMPER WITH THE ON-RUSHING TRAIN ONLY A FEW FEET AWAY...



CAN HE GET BUMPER OFF THE TRACKS IN TIME?



WE CAN'T SEE FROM HERE, BULL! DID YUH GET 'EM?

RECKON I MUST HAVE, JAKE! THEY WERE OUT ON THE TRACKS WHEN WE LEFT 'EM! WELL, WE MADE A BIG HAUL TODAY, BOYS! TONIGHT WE CELEBRATE!



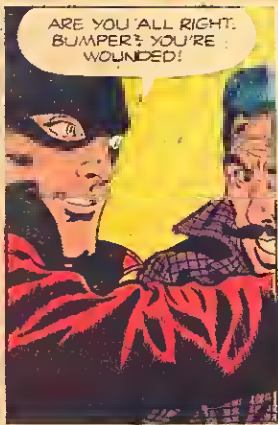
GOOD OLD RELIAPON— HE MADE IT! HE SAVED BUMPER, TOO!



BUMPER! COME ON! BUMPER! SNAP OUT OF IT!



ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, BUMPER? YOU'RE WOUNDED!



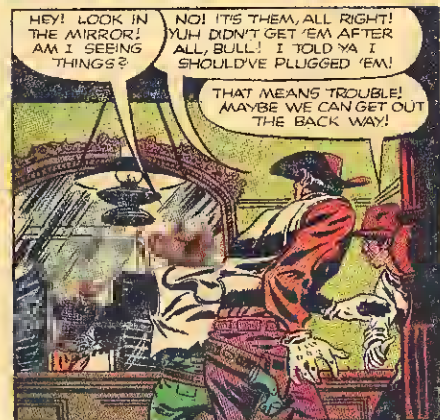
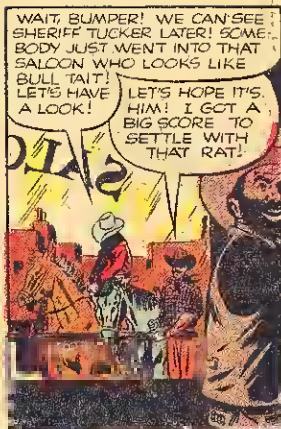
I'M OKAY! I JUST GOT GRAZED ON THE SKULL! IF I EVER CATCH THE BUZZARD THAT DID IT, I'LL KILL HIM!



NEVER MIND THAT! LET'S GET TO ORVILLE! C'MON!

BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

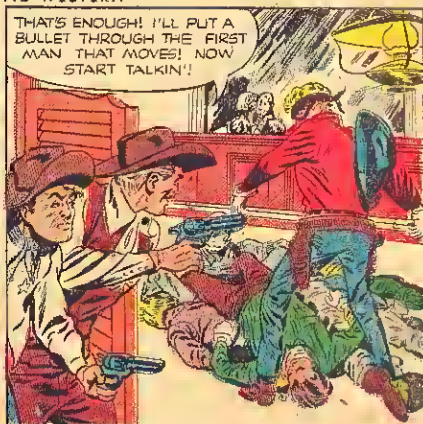
IT WAS NIGHTFALL WHEN THE TWO LAWMEN REACHED THE THE RUGGED MINING TOWN...



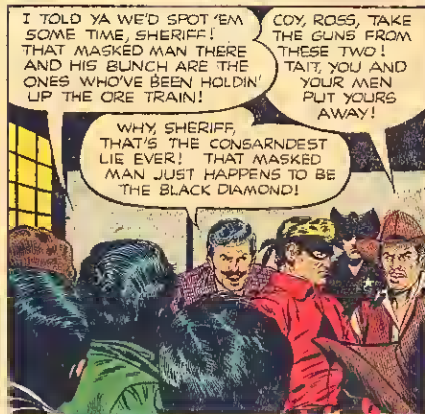


OVER
YOU GO!

OH...



THAT'S ENOUGH! I'LL PUT A
BULLET THROUGH THE FIRST
MAN THAT MOVES! NOW
START TALKIN'!



I TOLD YA WE'D SPOT 'EM
SOME TIME, SHERIFF!
THAT MASKED MAN THERE
AND HIS BUNCH ARE THE
ONES WHO'VE BEEN HOLDIN'
UP THE ORE TRAIN!

COY, ROSS, TAKE
THE GUNS FROM
THESE TWO!
TAIT, YOU AND
YOUR MEN
PUT YOURS
AWAY!

WHY, SHERIFF,
THAT'S THE CONSIDERABLEST
LIE EVER! THAT MASKED
MAN JUST HAPPENS TO BE
THE BLACK DIAMOND!



WHAT HAVE
YOU GOT TO
SAY FOR
YOURSELF,
MISTER?

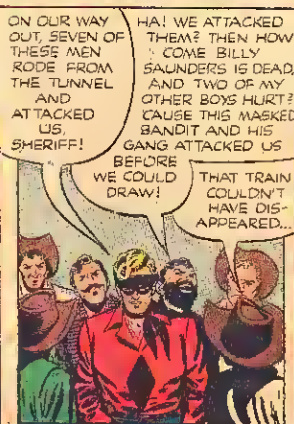
AS MY FRIEND SAYS, SHERIFF,
I AM THE BLACK DIAMOND! YOU
CAN SEE MY
MARSHAL'S
BADGE!

ANYBODY
CAN WEAR A
BADGE! I TELL
YA THEY'RE
THE MEN
WE'RE
AFTER!



YOU'RE
MAKIN'
A
MISTAKE,
SHERIFF!

THE LAST I HEARD THE
BLACK DIAMOND WAS
FIVE HUNDRED MILES
FROM HERE! I WAS
THINKIN' OF SENDIN'
FOR HIM—BUT
I DIDN'T!



ON OUR WAY
OUT, SEVEN OF
THESE MEN
RODE FROM
THE TUNNEL
AND
ATTACKED
US,
SHERIFF!

HA! WE ATTACKED
THEM? THEN HOW
COME BILLY
SAUNDERS IS DEAD,
AND TWO OF MY
OTHER BOYS HURT?
CAUSE THIS MASKED
BANDIT AND HIS
GANG ATTACKED US
BEFORE
WE COULD
DRAW!

THAT TRAIN
COULDN'T
HAVE DIS-
APPEARED...



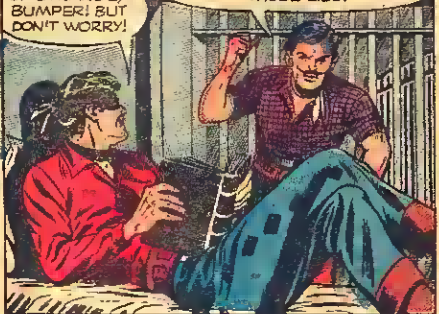
...IT'S AT THE STATION RIGHT
HERE IN ORVILLE! WHAT'S
MORE, I TAKE BULL TAIT'S
WORD! HE OUGHT TO KNOW
WHAT HAPPENED! HE'S THE
ENGINEER OF THAT TRAIN
AND THE MEN WITH HIM
ARE THE CREW! PUT THE
CUFFS ON 'EM, BOYS!

BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

LATER, IN THE JAIL HOUSE...

WELL, MY STORY ABOUT A DISAPPEARING TRAIN DID SEEM KIND OF STRANGE, BUMPER! BUT DON'T WORRY!

IF THIS DON'T BEAT EVERYTHING! US ARRESTED FOR MURDER AND STEALING SILVER ORE! HOW COULD SHERIFF TUCK BELIEVE THOSE LIES!



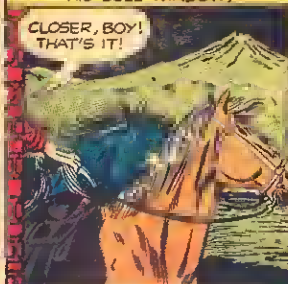
DON'T WORRY! YA WON'T SAY THAT WHEN WE'RE DANGLIN' AT THE END OF A COUPLE OF ROPES!

WE'LL JUST STAY HERE LONG ENOUGH FOR TAIT AND HIS BOYS TO THINK WE'RE SAFELY OUT OF THE WAY! RELAX, BUMPER! WE'LL GET OUT OF HERE TONIGHT!



IT WAS PAST MIDNIGHT WHEN DIAMOND AND BUMPER HEARD THE TRAIN'S LOCOMOTIVE CHUG OUT OF THE ORVILLE STATION! IT WAS TIME TO ACT! DIAMOND'S SHRILL WHISTLE BROUGHT RELIAPON, LEADING EL LOBO TO HIS CELL WINDOW!

OH, I SEE! JEHOSEPHAT, DIAMOND! YOU'VE SURE GOT BRAINS!



CLOSER, BOY! THAT'S IT!



PULL, RELIAPON! PULL!

GIDDAP, EL LOBO!

COME ON, BUMPER—WE'VE GOT A LOT OF THINGS TO DO WHILE IT'S STILL DARK!

LET'S HOPE THIS WORKS! HEY, SHERIFF! THE PRISONERS ARE ESCAPING!



PRISONERS ARE ESCAPING! STOP 'EM!

YA HEAR THAT? I TOLD YOU MEN I THOUGHT I HEARD SOMETHING BEFORE! GO BACK TO SLEEP! YOU SAID! C'MON! HURRY!

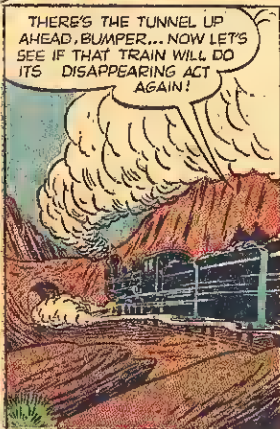
LIH? WHAT'S UP, HANK?



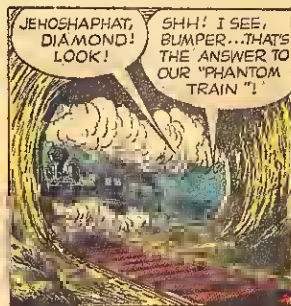
BEFORE THEY CAN MAKE A MOVE, BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER BURST IN ON THE STARTLED DESPERADOES...



THEIR RIDE THROUGH THE DARKNESS TO THE GREAT TUNGSTON MINES TOOK DIAMOND AND BUMPER MOST OF THE NIGHT! AT THE MINE THEY SAW THE PHANTOM ORE TRAIN! HIDING IN NEARBY HILLS THE LAWMEN WATCHED THE CARS BEING LOADED! THEN, SEEING TAIT AND HIS MEN BOARD THE TRAIN THEY SLIPPED DOWN TO THE TRACKS...

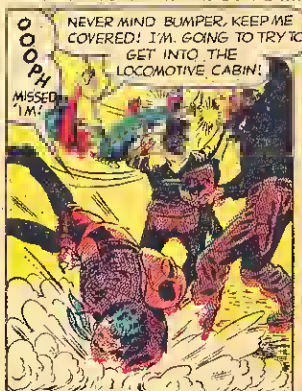


SOON THE ORE TRAIN CAME TO A STOP IN THE CENTER OF THE TUNNEL! THE LAWMEN FROM THEIR HIDING PLACE SAW A SECTION OF THE WALL SWING IN AND MANY WORKMEN EMERGE...

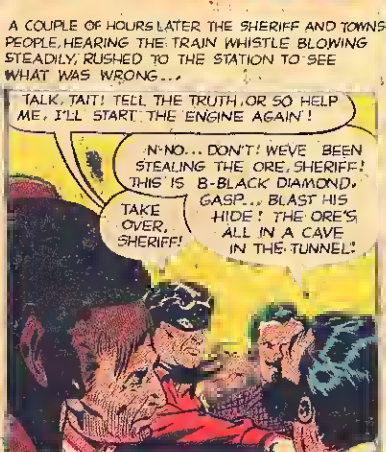


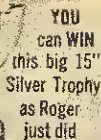
BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN

A FURIOUS BATTLE ENSUES AS TAIT'S MEN RUSH BLACK DIAMOND AND BUMPER...



BLACK DIAMOND STARTED BACKING THE TRAIN TOWARDS THE CAVERN ENTRANCE! TAIT AND HIS THREE CRONIES FRANTICALLY RAN TO GET OUTSIDE FIRST...





Roger D. Hirsch

was an
112 lb.
6 ft.
weaking
**LOOK
AT HIM
NOW!**



Aren't **YOU** as **SICK** and Tired as I was
of **SKINNY** ?
being

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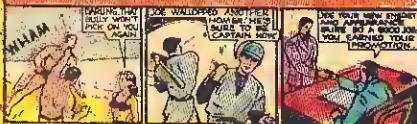
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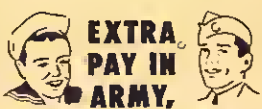
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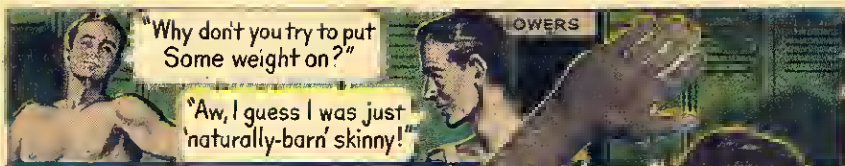
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